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REPORT.

Amount of taxes assessed in the town of Bow for	
the year 1877,	\$4003.46
Dogs taxed,	71.00
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	\$4074.46

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of town treasurer, March 1,	
1877,	\$1336.52
Received of—	
Horace H. Parker, for the year 1876, in full,	753.57
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	1236.38
Railroad tax,	302.81
Literary fund,	68.80
Dunbarton and Bow road case,	173.00
Merrimack County, for support of paupers,	373.62
James Green, for use of town house,	6.00
Horace H. Parker, collector of taxes, for the year	
1877,	3056.00
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	\$7306.70

EXPENDITURES.

Support of Highways and Bridges.

Paid—Amos Johnson, for labor on the highway,	\$4.00
Harris K. Frost, “ “	4.29
Charles C. Morgan, “ “	13.00
Amos Johnson, “ “	3.00
G. W. Allen, “ “	9.56

Paid Walter Putney, for labor on the highway,	\$2.00
Benj. Page, “ “	6.00
Solomon Heath, “ “	31.17
Gurldford Upton, “ “	13.00
James Benson, “ “	16.80
A. B. Farmer, “ “	.60
John Nichols, “ “	6.00
John C. Davis, “ “	2.00
Nathan Stevens, “ “	1.50
Robert M. Ordway, “ “	9.00
Cyrus Colby, “ “	12.60
George W. Allen, “ “	7.15
Solomon Heath, bridge plank,	11.25
Cavis G. Brown, “	11.70
Horace Call, lumber,	15.25
Heath, Clement and Brown, building road,	265.00

Support of Paupers.

· Paid—J. Frank Hoit, groceries furnished T. J. Foot, 1875,	\$7.00
Geo. E. Austin, support of Sally Buntin, 1876 and 1877,	36.64
Asenath Hadley, support of Sally Buntin,	64.71
C. D. Guild, support of James Mills,	123.85
Asenath Hadley, support of Ida Winn,	52.86
Seriah Morgan, support of Lydia J. Page,	22.00
Thomas W. Hammond, support of Hannah Hammond,	78.00
J. C. Hammond, groceries furnished True Ordway,	3.50
M. E. Casavant, nursing True Ordway's family,	5.00
J. Frank Hoit, groceries furnished Frost's family,	5.17
J. Frank Hoit, groceries furnished August Baker,	87.00
Franklin Evans, groceries furnished August Baker,	4.00

Paid—J. Frank Hoit, and Franklin Evans, groceries furnished Calvin Clough,	\$25.00
J. Frank Hoit, and Franklin Evans, groceries furnished Lydia Page,	15.99
Harrison Colby, moving Lydia Page,	1.00
Amos Johnson, support of Mary Johnson,	27.00
Aaron Colby, time spent in pauper cases,	8.70
Joseph Baker, support of Clara Clark,	21.00
Dr. J. H. Adams & Dam, medical attendance for C. Clark,	11.57
W. M. Davis, shoes for Clara Clark,	1.25
Drs. Gage & Conn, medical attendance for James Mills,	41.25
Amos Kimball, for board of James Mills,	2.25
D. P. Walker, carrying Mills to Concord,	.75
Eastman & Fitch, medicine for James Mills,	38.00
J. H. Adams, medical attendance for Calvin Clough's family,	20.00
Serial Morgan, support of Lydia Page,	62.00

Damages on Highway.

Paid—Dr. Timothy Haynes, damage to horse,	\$5.00
G. W. Weeks, injuries to horse and wagon,	50.00
Tappan & Albin, for G. Saltmarsh,	1118.00
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	\$1173.00

State Tax.

Paid—State treasurer, state tax,	\$988.00
County treasurer, county tax,	938.11
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	\$1926.11

School Money.

Paid—District No. 1, for 1877,	\$54.07
2, for 1877,	104.61
3, for 1876,	85.50
3, for 1877,	77.88
4, for 1877,	85.49

Paid—District No. 5, for 1877,	\$44.54
6, for 1877,	63.85
7, for 1877,	65.44
8, for 1877,	61.38
9, for 1877,	46.89
10, for 1877,	72.27
11, for 1877,	76.42
12, for 1877,	53.42
13, for 1877,	77.02
14, for 1877,	91.84
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	\$1060.62

School House Tax.

Paid—District No. 11,	\$109.00
“ 14,	550.00
“ 7,	30.00
“ 6,	25.00
“ 2,	50.00
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	\$764.00

Damage by Dogs.

Paid—Isaac P. Clifford,	\$5.00
Caleb A. Colby,	4.00
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	\$9.00

Hearse and Fixtures.

Paid A. B. Webster, and others,	\$528.00
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Miscellaneous.

Non-resident highway receipts,	\$56.01
Paid—John Wheeler, grade in Dist. No. 14,	5.00
C. B. Hildreth, services in Flander's case,	25.00
James Green, care of town and hearse house,	15.00
Perkins & Kimball, insurance on town and hearse house,	17.00
B. W. Sanborn & Co., stationery,	11.66
Aaron Colby, lumber and nails,	11.32

—Warren M. Davis, car fare,	\$8.50
John C. Hammond, car fare,	5.00
John Brown 2d, grade and labor on highway,	13.50
Horace H. Parker, abatement of taxes,	22.81
Selectmen, bounties on foxes and hawks,	8.70
Woodbury & Batchelder, printing town reports,	32.00
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	\$175.49

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid—Geo. G. Clough, services as town clerk,	\$15.00
Enoch Alexander, services as town treasurer,	10.00
John P. Brown, services as superintending school committee,	45.00
Warren M. Davis, services as selectman,	64.00
John C. Hammond, “	66.25
Aaron Colby, “	45.50
Horace H. Parker, services as collector of taxes,	40.00
Leonard Kendall and John B. Baker, services as auditors,	3.00
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	\$288.75

Town of Bow to Warren M. Davis, for services as Selectman, for the year ending March 1, 1878,

1877.		Dr.
March 15.	To one day to Manchester to see Clark and Mills,	\$1.50
24.	To one day to Concord to see Tappan & Albin,	1.50
31.	To one day to Concord on Saltmarsh case,	1.50
April 10.	To two days looking over real estate in Districts 5 and 11,	3.00
11.	To one day to Manchester to settle with Nichols,	1.50

April	12.	To one day to Concord to settle Salt-marsh case,	\$1.50
	20.	To twelve days taking invoice, making taxes, and regulating books,	18.00
	28.	To one day distributing highway surveyors' warrants,	1.50
May	23.	To one-half day to George Austin's,	1.00
	30.	To recording invoice,	5.00
June	14.	To one day to Manchester to see about getting hearse,	1.50
	16.	To two days to Boston, Cambridge and Newton, to see about getting a hearse,	3.00
July	10.	To one day to Manchester to see Mr. Webster about hearse,	1.50
Sept.	5.	To one day to Concord to get Town House insured,	1.50
	10.	To one day laying out road and letting the same to build,	1.50
	15.	To one day to John C. Hammond's and H. K. Frost's,	1.50
	26.	To one day to Concord to see Commissioners, and to George Clough's and J. C. Hammond's, with team,	2.50
	29.	To one day to get Mrs. Frost adjudged a county pauper,	1.50
October	9.	To one day to Enoch Alexander's and Mr. Langmaid's, to get Clara Clark adjudged a county pauper,	1.50
	18.	To one-half day to A. B. Farmer's to see about highway,	.75
	22.	To one-half day to Joseph Baker's, to settle for board of Clara Clark,	.75
	23.	To one-half day to George Clough's to look up pauper case,	1.00
	24.	To one day with team looking up J. R. Harvey's residence,	2.50
	25.	To one day to Mr. Simpson's and Mr. Langmaid's, on Harvey case,	2.00
Nov.	4.	To one-half day, with team, to accept road,	1.00

Nov.	17.	To one-half day to C. D. Guild's, to see James Mills,	\$1.00
	21.	To one-half day to Bow Crossing, with team, to see about pauper case,	1.00
	29.	To one-half day to Enoch Alexander's on town business,	.75
	30.	To one day to Tilton, to look up pauper case,	1.50
Dec.	1.	To one-half day, with team, to Bow Crossing, with Mr. Alexander, to take affidavit,	1.00
	8.	To regulating jury box,	1.00
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Feb.	4.	To one-half day, with team, to Asenath Hadley's, to settle county pauper bills,	1.00
	7.	To one day to Concord, to settle with Commissioners,	1.50
	23.	To two days settling town accounts, making check-list and warrants,	3.00
	27.	To one day making town report and settling with town treasurer,	1.50

*Town of Bow to John C. Hammond, for services as
Selectman, for the year ending March 1, 1878,*

1877.			Dr.
March	24.	To drawing juror,	\$1.00
	26.	To one day to Concord on town business,	1.50
	31.	To one day to Concord trying to settle with Saltmarsh,	1.50
	31.	To horse to Concord and Saltmarsh's,	1.00
April	10.	To two days examining property in Districts No. 5 and 11,	3.00
	11.	To one day going to Manchester, to see about Nichols' case,	1.50
	11.	To horse to Manchester,	1.00
	12.	To one day to Concord, settling with Saltmarsh,	1.50
	12.	To horse to Concord,	1.00

April	23.	To fourteen days taking inventory, making taxes and warrants, and regulating books,	\$21.00
June	9.	To one day going to Manchester, to see about hearse,	1.50
	16.	To three days going to Boston, Lowell, Lynn, Cambridge and Newton Highlands looking after hearse,	4.50
Sept.	4.	To one day going to W. M. Davis' and Enoch Alexander's, on town business,	1.00
	5.	To one day going to Manchester after hearse,	1.50
	5.	To horse to Manchester,	1.00
	7.	To one day going to Concord to see Commissioners about Baker's family,	1.50
	10.	To one day laying out highway near Solomon Heath's,	1.50
	18.	To two and a half days going to Concord, examining records, and taking Mrs. Frost's affidavit,	3.75
	15.	To drawing juror,	1.00
	27.	To taking Mrs. Tebbetts' affidavit,	1.00
October	2.	To one day to Concord on town business,	1.50
	17.	To one-half day to see about Augustus Page's family,	.75
Nov.	17.	To one-half day to see road near Heath's mills,	.75
Dec. 1878.	8.	To regulating jury box,	1.00
Jan.	6.	To going to True Ordway's on town business,	1.00
	12.	To one day going to True Ordway's and to Hooksett,	1.50
Feb.	7.	To one day to Concord settling with County Commissioners,	1.50
	7.	To horse to Concord,	1.00
	23.	To two days settling town accounts, and making check-list and warrants,	3.00
	26.	To one day making town report,	1.50

*Town of Bow to Aaron Colby, for services as
Selectman for the year ending March 1, 1878.*

		Dr.
1877.		
March 24.	To drawing jury,	\$1.00
April 7.	To taking inventory, looking over real estate, eight days,	12.00
12.	To one day settling Saltmarsh case,	1.50
20.	To regulating books, making taxes and warrants, seven days,	10.50
May 3.	To Hooksett, after doctor for Calvin Clough's wife,	1.00
5.	To one day with horse, distributing highway surveyors' warrants,	2.50
Aug. 18.	To one day with horse, to Manches- ter, to see about hearse,	1.50
Sept. 4.	To one-half day after lumber at Call's mills,	1.50
5.	To Manchester, after hearse,	2.50
10.	To one day to lay out road near Heath's mills, and letting the same,	1.50
15.	To drawing jury,	1.00
Oct. 5.	To one day to Davis' on pauper busi- ness,	1.50
Nov. 10.	To one-half day to see road near Heath's mills,	.75
13.	To one-half day on pauper business, with horse,	1.25
Dec. 8.	To regulating jury box,	1.00
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Feb. 22.	To two days settling town accounts, making check-list and warrant,	3.00
26.	To one day making town report,	1.50

Debts Due the Town, March 1, 1878.

Due from Horace H. Parker, collector for 1877,	\$1018.46
Due from Enoch Alexander,	120.43
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	\$1138.89

Liabilities.

Due school district No. 14, school house tax,	\$250.00
Due Charles H. W. Carter, for lumber,	56.00
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Total indebtedness,	\$306.00
 Balance in favor of the town,	 \$832.89

WARREN M. DAVIS, } *Selectmen*
 JOHN C. HAMMOND, } *of*
 AARON COLBY, } *Bow.*

ENOCH ALEXANDER, *Town Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, auditors of the selectmen's and treasurer's accounts for the year ending March 1, 1878, certify that we have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LEONARD KENDALL, } *Auditors.*
 JOHN B. BAKER, }

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

James Brown, prudential committee. Summer and winter terms taught by Miss Mary C. Heath, who has had a large and successful experience as teacher. She has taught seven terms in this district before this year, and the citizens of the district have expressed their confidence in her ability by continuing to employ her. The improvement made surpassed our expectation. A class in fractions gave sufficient proof that they had been thoroughly drilled. The school house is not such as the present age demands.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Byron W. Clough, prudential committee. The spring term was taught by Miss Mary C. Heath. Miss Heath carried a good share of enthusiasm into the school, and the improvement in the various branches taught was all that could be expected.

The winter term was under the instruction of Mrs. Lizzie M. Brown. The appearance of the school at the commencement was satisfactory, and we believe the teacher labored for the welfare and advancement of the school; but we cannot report progress, as we failed to be present at the close of the term.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Henry K. White, prudential committee. John P. Brown taught the school both terms. The spring term was taught in connection with the winter term of the previous year. Several scholars from other districts availed themselves of the advantages of this school, making the terms more interesting. Ida

B. Morgan was not absent a day during the fall term. The school house is not suitable for school purposes.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Orrin Saltmarsh, prudential committee. Both terms instructed by Miss Hattie L. Morgan. Though inexperienced as a teacher, Miss Morgan succeeded so well in the summer, that the committee employed her to teach the fall term. Both terms were satisfactory to the district. With a larger experience, she will make a very successful teacher.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Augustus B. Farmer, prudential committee. This school has been during the past year under the instruction of Miss Nellie E. Gault, whose success as a teacher is too well known to need any comment in this report. It is sufficient to say that the progress of the pupils was thorough, and the school presented an appearance which was gratifying to all interested.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Leonard Colby, prudential committee. This district had but one term during the year, under the instruction of Miss Sadie Phelps, of Tilton. Miss Phelps is a teacher of the first order, and the progress made in the several branches pursued, was very creditable. The scholars had declamations at the examination, which added to the interest of the occasion.

DISTRICT No. 7.

John B. Elliott, prudential committee. The summer term was very successfully taught by Miss Flora M. Nesmith, who won the confidence and respect of the scholars. At the examination the scholars answered the questions promptly and correctly, proving that the time had been profitably spent.

Winter term taught by Miss Annette Hadley. Miss Hadley is an excellent scholar, and a thorough and energetic teacher. The order was good, and the ready and accurate answers of the scholars gave conclusive evidence that the teacher did her best for the interest of the school.

DISTRICT No. 8.

John B. Baker, prudential committee. There was but one term in the district, taught by Miss Lizzie A. Dustin. This school is quite small, consequently the teacher has considerable time to spend with each scholar. We were pleased with her method of instruction. Excellent progress was made in algebra and grammar.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Luman Woodbury, prudential committee. The summer term was taught by Miss Narcissa H. Wheeler, a faithful and industrious teacher. This school was quite noisy at the commencement, but the effect of the ferule had a quieting influence. Some of the scholars made excellent improvement, while others did not seriously injure themselves by hard study.

Mr. John C. Hammond had the charge of the winter school. He is an experienced teacher, and has the faculty of maintaining good order. Advancement was made in all the studies pursued. We were glad to see some of the parents present at the closing examination. No scholar was tardy or dismissed during the term. This example is worthy of imitation in all our schools.

DISTRICT No. 10.

George Colby, prudential committee. This school has been during the year under the instruction of Mrs. Lizzie Shepard, a teacher of extraordinary abilities. The promptness with which the scholars answered at the close of the terms, convinced us that the time had been fully improved. Both teacher and scholars deserve special commendation.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Asa Morgan, prudential committee. This school has been during the past year under the tuition of John P. Brown. The deportment of the scholars was good, and they deserve much credit for the interest they manifested in their studies. Each examination was attended by quite a number of parents and visitors, seventeen being present at the close of the winter term. The school has not a proper supply of black-board.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Charles W. Noyes, prudential committee. The summer term was taught by Mr. Martin A. Hadley. This was his first attempt at teaching, but he awakened the enthusiasm of the school, and demonstrated his abilities and aptness as a teacher. We feel warranted in saying, that a school placed under the instruction of Mr. Hadley will meet with success.

The fall term was taught by Miss Etta B. Flanders. This was Miss Flanders' first attempt to teach, and we think she tried to make the school a success. At our visit near the commencement of the term, we liked the appearance of the school. We were not present at the closing examination, but from what can be learned from parents and others, we should judge that some improvement might have been made in the discipline.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Moses J. Perkins, prudential committee. The summer term was taught by Miss Lilla F. Downing, of Concord. This was Miss Downing's first experience in teaching, yet the classes made good progress, and the general management of the school was good in every respect.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Brown taught the fall school. The scholars were very respectful and obedient; also very regular in their attendance, and they appeared to be interested in their work. The parents in this district are very much interested in the education of their children.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Lewis M. Brown, prudential committee. Mrs. Lizzie M. Brown taught both terms of school in this district. Commendable progress was made in all the studies. The classes in geography were very interesting. The district have recently built an elegant brick school house, which fully attests the interest they take in the cause of education.

We are glad to be able to report that the schools in Bow, though in some respects imperfect, are in a progressive condition. Teachers have been employed who are well qualified to

instruct, and in several instances their services have been retained throughout the year. We have come to the conclusion, from personal observation in the different schools, that this is good economy. The registers show that some of our schools are largely left to the management of the teachers,—the parents making very few visits. We do not wish to be understood that all are so, there are some exceptions. Parents should visit the schools frequently and see what advancement the scholars are making in their studies. Teachers need your aid and encouragement, and the success of a school to a great extent depends upon you. Scholars should be encouraged to be regular in their attendance, and should never be allowed to stay at home or leave school because the teacher of their choice is not employed. History is very much neglected in the schools. We found but two pupils studying the history of the United States. This study is worthy of more attention, and we would recommend it to all our schools. To the teachers we say: We thank you for the obliging disposition you have manifested by teaching Saturdays occasionally, and for the acceptable manner in which you have generally discharged your duties. A few words, scholars, to you: Your school days are rapidly passing; other scholars will soon occupy the places you now occupy in the school room, and it should be your aim to secure a good education, and in after years you can look back on these privileges with pleasant recollections.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. BROWN,

Superintending School Committee.

Bow, Feb. 28, 1878.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Terms.	Name of Teachers.	No. weeks of School.	Wages per month, including board.	Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Instances of Tardiness.	Instances of Dismissal.	Not absent one half-day.	No. of visits of Supt.
1	Summer.	Mary C. Heath.	6	20.00	9	8	6	1	2	2
	Winter.	Mary C. Heath.	6	20.00	10	8	36	5	1	2
2	Spring.	Mary C. Heath.	9		13	8	9	0	1	2
	Winter.	Lizzie M. Brown.	5	20.06	15	12	1	8	3	1
3	Spring.	John P. Brown.	11	25.00	21	14	20	11	0	
	Fall.	John P. Brown.	13	25.00	16	12	35	14	0	
4	Summer.	Hattie L. Morgan.	8	18.00	6	6	3	0	3	2
	Fall.	Hattie L. Morgan.	10	20.00	7	4	8	1	1	
5	Spring.	Nellie E. Gault.	6	24.00	9	8	0	0	6	2
	Fall.	Nellie E. Gault.	3	24.00	8	7	0	0	7	2
6	Fall.	Sadie Phelps.	10	24.00	15	12	69	17	2	2
7	Summer.	Flora M. Nesmith.	8	19.00	11	8½	3	0	0	2
	Winter.	Annette Hadley.	8	20.00	15	10	53	3	1	2
8	Fall.	Lizzie A. Dustin.	8	20.00	8	7	15	1	1	2
9	Summer.	Narcissa Wheeler.	7	14.00	13	12	2	1	4	2
	Winter.	John C. Hammond.	6	30.00	14	13	0	0	13	2
10	Summer.	Lizzie A. Shepard.	6	29.00	14	12	2	0	3	2
	Winter.	Lizzie A. Shepard.	8	20.00	18	13	21	2	3	2
11	Summer.	John P. Brown.	7	26.00	17	14	9	4	3	
	Winter.	John P. Brown.	13	30.00	23	20	15	0	0	
12	Summer.	Martin A. Hadley.	5		6	5	1	2	3	2
	Fall.	Etta B. Flanders.	7	14.00	9	7	35	9	2	2
13	Summer.	Lilla F. Downing.	5	15.00	11	7	13	0	2	2
	Fall.	Lizzie M. Brown.	9	20.00	5	5	3	2	5	2
14	Summer.	Lizzie M. Brown.	8	20.00	20	16	4	12	5	2
	Winter.	Lizzie M. Brown.	8	20.00	19	17½	4	12	4	2



